Cruise Details

Name:	Wonders of Europe: Bordeaux to London
Reference:	SCENIC121E260727-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Western Europe
Departs On:	26 Jul 27
Departs From:	Bordeaux
Arrives On:	06 Aug 27
Arrives At:	London (Greenwich)
Cruise Nights:	11
Total Vacation Days:	12

Itinerary

Day 1: Bordeaux (France)

Welcome to Bordeaux, a city steeped in history and charm. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of French culture as you explore its iconic landmarks, vibrant streets and indulge in local delicacies. This afternoon you'll board your ultra-luxury Discovery Yacht, Scenic Eclipse II. Be warmly welcomed by the Captain and crew before meeting your butler and settling into your spacious suite. Your Discovery Yacht will remain docked in Bordeaux overnight, so you may choose to go ashore to savour a glass of red wine in a cosy bistro or take a leisurely stroll along the Garonne River. Scenic transfers are only available for flights arriving into Bordeaux prior to 02:00 PM. Docked: 6:00 - Overnight

Arrives On: 26 Jul 27

Day 2: Bordeaux (France)

Soak in the timeless elegance of Bordeaux. Wander picturesque streets lined with majestic buildings, each narrating centuries of stories. Explore vibrant markets with fresh produce and local delicacies. Admire Place de la Bourse and Bordeaux Cathedral's breathtaking architecture. Be immersed in cultural richness at the CAPC Museum of Contemporary Art and the Grand Théâtre. Your visit to Bordeaux is only complete when you sample its world-famous wines at one of the many charming wine bars or prestigious châteaux. After lunch, you will sail towards the coast along the Garonne River, surrounded by lush vineyards that glow golden under the sun. Scenic Freechoice:
History & Heritage City Tour of UNESCO Classified Bordeaux: Discover Bordeaux, a UNESCO World Heritage city famed for its elegant architecture and rich history. Enjoy a panoramic coach tour through iconic landmarks, followed by a guided stroll and free time to explore the charming Old Town.

The Medoc-Margaux Wine District with Wine & Cheese Tasting: Begin with a scenic drive along Bordeaux's historic Quai des Chartrons, then journey into the heart of the Margaux vineyards, gateway to the famed "Route des Châteaux." Pause for photos at Château Margaux, then enjoy a guided cellar tour and wine tasting.

Bordeaux by Motorbike & Sidecar: Hop into a vintage sidecar for a thrilling ride through Bordeaux's iconic sights like Place de la Bourse and St. Andrew Cathedral.

Panoramic Bordeaux & Visit to the Bordeaux Wine Culture Museum: Tour Bordeaux's iconic sites on a panoramic coach ride, then visit La Cité du Vin for an immersive wine experience and tasting with city views.

Panoramic Bordeaux & Bassins des Lumières Exhibition: Explore Bassins de Lumières in Bordeaux, a WWII bunker transformed into an immersive digital art space where light and sound bring masterpieces to life.

St Emilion with Wine Estate Visit & Tasting: Start by exploring Saint-Émilion's historic streets and iconic landmarks with a guided walk. Then, immerse yourself in the winemaking tradition with a cellar tour and tasting of two excellent local wines at a nearby vineyard. Docked: Overnight – 13:30

Arrives On: 27 Jul 27

Day 3: Belle-Île-en-Mer (France)

The aptly named Belle-Île-en-Mer ('beautiful island in the sea') is the largest island in the French region of Brittany. The small bays and beaches along the rocky coastline are generally accessible only on foot or by sea. The capital, Le Palais, has an imposing citadel and plenty of cafés, and the island has a strong artistic tradition. Famed 19th-century actress Sarah Bernhardt holidayed here, and Monet produced 39 paintings of the wild Côte Sauvage while staying on the island. Scenic Freechoice:
Belle Île Panoramic Tour: Experience the highlights of Belle-Île on a panoramic tour showcasing its diverse landscapes and unique character. Enjoy scenic viewpoints, cultural landmarks and photo stops that capture the island's authentic charm.

Belle Île, Eden Garden & Port Coton: Visit Eden Garden where the owner will take you on a guided walk. Then marvel at the rock pyramids of the Port Coton Needles.

Belle Île & Oyster Tasting: Enjoy a short sightseeing tour before arriving at the

famous Castel Clara restaurant for delicious local oysters paired with a glass of white wine.

Hiking Belle Île from Port Jean to Le Palais: Follow your guide on a hike along the wild coast, admiring pretty coves, turquoise waters and picturesque ports. Anchored: 8:00 – 16:00

Arrives On: 28 Jul 27

Day 4: Saint-Malo (France)

Ease into the day with a leisurely breakfast in bed or an energising yoga session in the PURE: Yoga & Pilates Studio. Your Discovery Yacht arrives in Saint-Malo in the early afternoon. One of France's most enchanting coastal towns, Saint-Malo boasts breathtaking scenery, vibrant bars, cultural landmarks, and some of Brittany's finest beaches. Seafood enthusiasts will be delighted as it’s home to one of Europe’s highest concentrations of seafood restaurants. Stroll the renowned "gourmet" street, rue de l’Orme, where culinary delights abound. With the ship staying overnight, you can take the opportunity to dine ashore and savour local flavours. Anchored: 14:00 – Overnight

Arrives On: 29 Jul 27

Day 5: Saint-Malo (France)

On your second day in Saint-Malo, take a leisurely stroll along the ancient city walls that surround the town, offering breathtaking views of both the sea and the charming cityscape. Just a short distance away, explore the magnificent Mont Saint-Michel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a true marvel of history and architecture. Alternatively, join one of the Scenic Freechoice activities designed to showcase the unique charm and rich heritage of Saint-Malo and its surroundings. Anchored: Overnight – 22:00

Arrives On: 30 Jul 27

Day 6: Saint Peter Port (Guernsey)

Sitting just off the coast of France, Guernsey has its own unique blend of British and French cultures. Explore the cobblestone streets of the capital, St Peter Port, lined with Georgian and Regency architecture and adorned with vibrant floral displays. Dive into the island's maritime legacy at the Guernsey Museum and Aquarium, showcasing shipwrecks and marine life. Ascend to the medieval Castle Cornet, perched on a rocky outcrop, offering panoramic views of the harbour and beyond. The charming Hauteville House, once home to French writer Victor Hugo, and the tranquil Candie Gardens are also must-sees. Scenic Freechoice:
Castle Cornet & Town Walk: Explore St Peter Port and visit Castle Cornet, guarding the harbour for 800 years, with

museums, gardens, and stunning coastal views.

Cliff Walk & Cream Tea: Hike Guernsey's scenic cliffs, spotting ancient fortifications and wildlife. End with a traditional cream tea at the Jerbourg Hotel, enjoying stunning coastal views.

Scenic Island Drive: Uncover Guernsey's stunning scenery and rich history. Explore its unique blend of British and French heritage, wild cliffs, sandy bays and tales of Occupation.

Guernsey Coastal Cycle Tour: Ride along Guernsey's west coast, exploring nature reserves, WWII bunkers and charming harbours. Anchored: 8:00 – 19:00

Arrives On: 31 Jul 27

Day 7: Honfleur (France)

Nestled on the Normandy Coast, where the Seine River meets the English Channel, Honfleur is renowned for its postcard-perfect harbour, often considered one of the most beautiful in France. A favourite among artists for centuries, its charming streets and ever-changing light inspired Eugène Boudin, a native of Honfleur, who later mentored Claude Monet, helping shape the early foundations of Impressionism. Explore the Museum Eugene Boudin to immerse yourself in the masterpieces and those of their contemporaries. Honfleur is also the gateway to iconic destinations like Paris, Rouen and Giverny. Scenic Freechoice:
Honfleur & A Sweet Break: Discover Honfleur's charming streets, timber-framed houses, St Catherine's Church, the Old Port and enjoy a café stop with pastries followed by free time to explore.

The American Landing in Normandy: Visit the Landing Museum at Arromanches, dedicated to the D-Day landings at Normandy during WWII, the American Cemetery, Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc, with lunch at Château La Chenevière.

Pays d'Auge & Calvados Tasting: Enjoy a scenic drive through the Pays d'Auge region, visit a distillery to see Calvados production, and sample this iconic brandy.

Paris Highlights: Discover the timeless charm of Paris, France's dazzling capital, on this full-day guided tour from Honfleur. From legendary landmarks to a scenic lunch along the Seine, this experience offers a perfect introduction to the City of Lights. Docked: 8:00 - Overnight

Arrives On: 01 Aug 27

Day 8: Honfleur (France)

On the second day in Honfleur, enjoy the charm of this picturesque port town. Admire the enchanting waterfront lined with colourful 17th-century buildings, now home to quaint boutiques, cozy cafés, and inviting restaurants. Wander its cobbled streets, explore local art galleries, and soak in the town's timeless beauty and relaxed ambiance. Alternatively, join one of the Scenic Freechoice activities to experience more of Honfleur's hidden gems and local traditions. Scenic Freechoice:
Honfleur & A Sweet Break: Discover Honfleur's charming streets, timber-framed houses, St Catherine's Church, the Old Port and enjoy a café stop with pastries followed by free time to

explore.

Pays d’Auge & Calvados Tasting: Enjoy a scenic drive through the Pays d’Auge region, visit a distillery to see Calvados production, and sample this iconic brandy.

Giverny & Monet's Gardens: The Permanent Collection showcases works influenced by Claude Monet, highlighting both his contemporaries and the generations of artists who followed in his footsteps. Savour a delicious meal at a local restaurant and continue to Fondation Claude Monet, the artist’s former home and source of inspiration.

Hiking Etrat & Free time: Etretat is renowned for its dramatic chalk cliffs, iconic arches and needle-like L’Aiguille, landscapes that inspired artists such as Claude Monet. Enjoy a scenic 5 km coastal hike, followed by an orientation walk and free time to explore Etretat’s charming streets, historic architecture and local cafés. Docked: Overnight – 18:00

Arrives On: 02 Aug 27

Day 9: Poole (England)

The pretty seaside resort of Poole in Dorset is known for having Europe’s largest natural harbour and a rich maritime heritage. Explore this bustling quayside, where colourful boats bob gently at anchor, or stroll along its golden sandy beaches and breathe in the fresh sea air. Wander through the old town, where stone buildings date back to the 16th century, sample delicious seafood at waterfront restaurants, and browse quaint shops for local treasures. Poole is also the gateway to the World Heritage-listed Jurassic Coast, where the magnificent landscape is home to dramatic rock formations and ancient fossils. Scenic Freechoice:
Mystic Stonehenge: Enjoy the magic of Stonehenge, an iconic 4,000-year-old monument where mystery, history and awe-inspiring stonework come alive, offering a truly unforgettable glimpse into the ingenuity of ancient civilizations.

Historic Winchester & Cathedral: Enjoy a visit to Winchester, the heart of English history, starting with a self-guided tour of its stunning Cathedral. Explore the city’s historic streets on a guided walk, passing iconic sites like Jane Austen’s house, Wolvesey Castle ruins and the River Itchen.

The Corfe & Swanage Heritage Experience: Visit the dramatic ruins of Corfe Castle, enjoy lunch in the village, then ride a heritage steam train to Swanage for a guided walk through its historic streets and stunning coastal views.

RSPB* Arne Nature Walk: Explore RSPB Arne, a beautiful Dorset reserve, on a guided walk to spot wildlife like birds, reptiles and deer, with time to enjoy scenic views and refreshments.
*Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Docked: 5:30 – 15:00

Arrives On: 03 Aug 27

Day 10: Oostende (Ostend) (Belgium)

Ostend is a gem on the Flemish North Sea coast, a charming seaside resort lined with grand Belle Epoque buildings. Stroll along the bustling promenade, where lively cafes and chic boutiques line the waterfront. Explore the historic streets, admiring the eclectic architecture and

street art, then savour the flavours of traditional moules marinière (mussels). Ostend is also famous for its pristine beaches. In the height of summer, pop up bars and Ibiza-style beach clubs will spring up along the golden sand. Make the most of a late departure with a refreshing Belgian beer at sundown. Scenic Freechoice:
City Tour of Brugge & Waffle Tasting: Step into the storybook charm of Bruges on a guided walking tour through its UNESCO-listed historic centre. Explore iconic landmarks, Gothic architecture and picturesque canals that reveal the city's rich medieval heritage. After the walk, relax at a local café and treat yourself to a classic Belgian waffle with a refreshing drink.

City Tour of Ghent with Canal Boat: Discover the charm of Ghent on a guided walking and canal boat tour. Explore medieval streets and landmarks like Saint Bavo's Cathedral and the Belfry, then enjoy a picturesque boat ride past the Castle of the Counts and historic merchant houses.

Beer & Chocolate Pairing: Experience the magic of medieval Bruges on a guided walking tour through cobbled streets and fairytale canals. End your visit with a tasting of Belgian beers and artisanal chocolates, savouring the perfect blend of local flavours and tradition.

Damme & Castle of Loppem: Explore the charm of the Flemish countryside on a half-day tour through Damme and the Castle of Loppem. Stroll cobblestone streets, enjoy chocolate shopping and admire the castle's stunning architecture and tranquil park.

Arrives On: 04 Aug 27

Day 11: London (Greenwich) (England)

Today you will cross the English Channel as Scenic Eclipse II makes her journey toward the UK. Docking in Tilbury, you'll have the opportunity to explore the iconic capital of London on a guided Scenic Freechoice tour. Discover world-famous landmarks such as the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace and St Paul's Cathedral, or opt for a more local perspective with one of our alternative experiences. This evening, return to your Discovery Yacht for a relaxed final night on board. Scenic Freechoice:
Sights of London: Depart Tilbury for a panoramic journey through London's Docklands and into the heart of the capital, pausing at iconic landmarks along the way. Continue past Buckingham Palace and along The Mall to Trafalgar Square, home to Nelson's Column and the National Gallery.

The Tower of London: Explore the Tower of London, meet the Beefeaters and see the historic White and Bloody Towers. End with a dazzling display of the Crown Jewels.

Hever Castle & Gardens: Enjoy an exclusive early visit to Hever Castle, the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, with a guided tour revealing its rich Tudor history. Afterwards, explore the award-winning gardens set across 125 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds. Docked: 8:00 - Overnight

Arrives On: 05 Aug 27

Day 12: London (Greenwich) (England)

Your journey concludes this morning in Tilbury. Savor a final indulgent breakfast on board, reflecting on the unforgettable moments and cherished connections made throughout your journey. Bid a fond farewell to your fellow guests and the dedicated crew of Scenic Eclipse II, departing with memories to last a lifetime as you continue your travels or begin your journey home. Scenic transfers are only available for flights departing out of London after 12:00 PM. #Spa treatments at additional cost. +All drinks on board, including those stocked in your mini bar, are included, except for a very small number of rare, fine and vintage wines, Champagnes and spirits. Specialty restaurants require a reservation, enquire on board. ^Flights on board our two helicopters and submersible experiences are at additional cost, subject to regulatory approval, availability, weight restrictions, medical approval and weather conditions. Helicopter not operational in France and the UK. Submersible is not in operation in Europe. The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Scenic cannot guarantee the voyage will operate unaltered from the itinerary stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.

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